

# ALL ABOUT BECOMING A HIGH SCHOOL TEACHER

As a teacher for grades 9-12, this career can be very rewarding. Apart from teaching students academic and specialized subjects, high school teachers also play major roles in shaping the futures of students who in turn shape the futures we live in! Interested in this career? Below is all you need to know about it.

## Key aspects

- Primary objective to teach academic, vocational, or specialized subjects
- Prepare students for post-secondary pursuits and the job field
- Preparing lessons and materials
- Evaluate students work and performance
- Attending educational conferences or workshops for teacher development
- Meeting with parents to discuss student progress



## Other duties include....

- individual or group mentoring/tutoring
- working outside classroom settings such as gyms and computer labs (depending on teaching subject)
- supervise and maintain order during classes, breaks, lunch periods, and extra curricular activities



## A Step-by Step Process

1. Earn a Bachelor's Degree with a major in a subject you want to teach
2. Complete a teacher preparation program approved by the area you wish to teach in. Depending on the institution you are attending, this can be done concurrently along the Bachelor's degree or after completing a Bachelor's degree
3. Complete a student teaching internship or a co-op placement to gain first-hand experience and mentoring by an experienced educator\*
4. Apply for a teaching license or certification
5. Begin applying for job positions!



## Qualifications to teach in Ontario

To teach in Ontario schools, you **MUST** be certified by the **Ontario College of Teachers**

to be qualified...

## Academic Requirement

You must have a **post-secondary degree** or the equivalent of at least three years of full time study or 90 credits

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## Math Proficiency Test

You must pass the **Math Proficiency Test (MPT)** to demonstrate that you are prepared and capable for teaching the math curriculum regardless of the grade you will be teaching

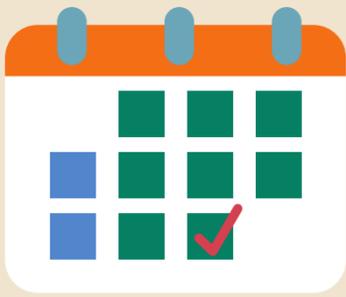
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## Professional Requirement

You must complete a **Teacher Education program** that is at least four semesters of post-secondary study and be able to communicate in English or French

# Do you have the **SKILLS?**

Being a high school teacher is more than just teaching lessons. You must also...



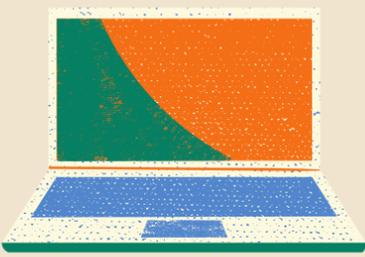
Have exceptional organizational skills



Be punctual



Embody leadership; have the ability to lead and guide a classroom



Have computer skills to plan, assign work online, and manage online resources and teaching methods



Have good problem solving skills



Be able to communicate instructions effectively



Have patience. With teaching comes students with different learning skills and abilities. You must be able to remain patient and continue teaching from another approach.

Be able to work as a part of a team and individually. As a teacher networking with fellow teachers is necessary to solve problems and create plans regarding cross-curricular lessons



And most importantly...

**Have a passion for teaching!**